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Title: Need to withdraw the proposal to establish Field Firing Range in Rachakonda in Andhra Pradesh.

Shri SURAVARAM SUDHAKAR REDDY (NALGONDA): At present there is a Defence Field Firing Range in the Medchal village, nearer to Hyderabad. Because the city has grown, so that, village is almost merged into city. In this scenario, it is quite likely to shift Field Firing Range. It is reported that they have chosen Rachakonda area of Narayanpur Mandal, Bhongir Revenue division. Also some area of Ibrahimpatnam constituency of Ranga Reddy District is also included. This whole area is a part of my parliamentary constituency. It is learnt that some government land and some PVT land is going to be acquired for this purpose. Most of the proposed land is under cultivation of local tribals and poor people. All local people, local panchayath, local pubic representatives, MP, MLA, all party joint action committees are opposing this proposal.

Under JNURM Government is proposing to develop basic infrastructure upto 100 kms around the city. As Rachakonda is below 35-40 kms, this whole area is likely to get developed within another 15-20 years. Then again Government has to search for new Firing Range. And also there are past experience, in Medchal Firing Range, that being a place of high mobility, many people and domestic animals were killed by the bullets came outside the Firing Range. So, this is not safe for the people here in Rachakonda due to increasing density of mobility. By keeping all this facts in view, the proposal of establishing Field Firing Range in Rahakonda should be withdrawn.